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G.O. No. 2087

Dated 20-9-39

[Despatch Abstract.]

Elementary Schools.

Aided - Church Higher elementary school, Belle, South Kanara district - Ban on the admission of non-Christian pupils - Removed.

From

The Manager,

Church H.El. School, Belle,

Bishop's House,

Mangalore, (S. Kanara).

To

The Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

Appeal to remove the restriction on the Church Higher Elementary School at Belle.

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Honoured Sir,

In continuation of the interview, I had with you, when you had been recently to Mangalore, during which, I had requested you to lift the ban from the Belle Church Higher Elementary School and you had been good enough to ask me to send an appeal to you requesting you to interfere with the Government to have the ban removed, I am herewith submitting the said appeal, along with a petition signed by 80 Hindus of the locality, who want their children to be educated in the Belle Church H. El. school. The petition is written in Canarese. But the purport of it is, that our Belle School must be thrown open to them also. Their petition written is accompanied by the two declarations one from the Potail of Manipura and the other from the Shanbouge of Belle and Kattingere village.

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not enclosed since this is a copy of the petition addressed to D.P.I.

2 The Belle Church School of which now I am the Manager, was started about four decades ago at a time when there was hardly any school in the neighbourhood and is situated on the eastern extremity of the Belle village, near the northern boundary of the Kattingere village and close to Manipura village. It is situated in a central place convenient for the pupils of these villages. The school was converted into a Higher Elementary one in the year 1930 and in spite of the restriction complained of,

it is making steady progress every year increasing its popularity and attracting pupils from even distant places.

3 The Higher Elementary standards of the School were recognised by the District Educational Council according to the terms of a bond executed on 17th January 1929, among the then Managers of Kurkal Ganapathi H. Elementary School, Belle Church School and Edmeru El. Aided School. The then Manager of Belle Church school was not right in consenting to the terms of this ill-advised bond which is untenable under the Elementary Education Act of 1920, but he did so by compulsion thinking that the restriction would be done away with under the Champion Scheme proposed at that time.

cf from 1 on page 38 of G.O.No. 859 Edn (K) 22-4-37

4 The evil effects of this hurtful restriction were keenly felt by the Hindus who form over 90 per cent of the rural population and a feeling of resentment was gaining ground in them when their children were denied the benefits of (H.) higher elementary (El.) Education along with their ~~children of their~~ Catholic neighbours. But subsequently when it was found that the contemplated Champion Scheme would not be enforced in the near future they began sending petitions to the District Educational Council, to the Department and to you praying for the removal of their legitimate grievances relating to the restriction. You kindly looked into their grievances and in your Proceedings Dis. No. 1465 of 1935 recommended to the District Educational Council the abolition of restriction. The District Educational Council which met on 19-3-1936 appointed a committee of five members including distinguished persons like Dewan Bahadur B.M. Hegde, the President of the South Kanara District Board and Rao Bahadur N. Venkat Rao the then President of the D.E.C. to look into the matter. They conducted their enquiries on 13-5-1936 and in their enquiry report, recommended the abolition of the restriction, one of

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cf from 6 on pages 40-41 of (K)

of them dissenting. But the D.E.C. which met on 27-7-1936 was not satisfied with the Departmental and its committee's recommendations and upholding the old bond decided that the restriction cannot be removed to the utter disappointment both of the villagers and the management. The matter was finally submitted to you for final disposal and it was hoped that you would adhere to your former recommendation. But the Government interfered in the matter and the order made was that the Government declined to vary the decision of the District Educational Council.

5 Why the restriction should go:

The Kunjur Girija Aided Higher Elementary School for whose benefit the restriction is laid, is at a distance of over three miles - the exact distance being 3 miles 41 feet as reported by the District Board overseer who actually measured the distance. In addition to this, there is a river in the middle which is unfordable during the greater part of the year. The country between the two schools is very rugged and it is hardly possible for the young pupils to cross the river and attend the school on the other side of the & river. Though the distance between the two schools is 3 miles 41 feet, some of the pupils residing in East Manipura village, comprising Kodangala, Kanarady and Marne have to walk a distance of 4 to 6 miles in addition to the crossing of the intervening river. Besides this, the majority of the Hindus are chalgeni tenants and are engaged in the occupation of agriculture throughout the year who require the assistance of their sons and daughters in their agricultural work. The Brahmin pupils, Orthodox as they are, cannot carry their midday meal and if they want Higher Elementary Education they must provide themselves with a lodging house and attend the other school. All this trouble when there is a conveniently-situated school in their midst. At present there are only 2 or 3 pupils of East

East Belle who attend the other school and a large number of pupils desirous of (H. El.) higher elementary Education are remaining at home. In the school zone itself there are 137 plus 99 children of school going age and many of the Hindu children, owing to the pressure of the teachers attend the Belle church aided H. El. school for 2 or 3 years and without attaining permanent literacy drop off in the middle since they cannot appear for the VIII standard examination. At present the total number of Hindu pupils in the first 5 classes of the Belle Church aided H. El. School is 32 plus 7, in the V Standard being 7 plus 0 pupils and the number of pupils ready for admission into VI standard is over 15. There are also Adi Dravida pupils seeking H. El. Education.

6 It need hardly be submitted that the restriction complainted of does much harm to the Hindus and is hindering the progress of the school and the locality which is progressing every year. The locality in which the Belle Church aided H. E. School is situated may be termed a miniature town possessing as it does several amenities, such as a weekly fair, a fine church, a first class public road and a flourishing H.E.School. The fact that over 15 shops have sprung into existence within a short period of 4 years makes it abundantly clear that the locality is an important centre of internal trade.

7 The present Government have admitted that the schools should be accessible to all classes of pupils irrespective of castes and creeds in the press note issued on 22-4-1938.⊗ Hence it need scarsely be stated that the restriction complained of militates against the educational policy of the present Government.

⊗ apparently the reference is to para 2 of G.O.Ms. No. 956 Edn (A) 25-4-38

8 Under these peculiar circumstances, I humbly beg to submit this appeal to you requesting to so move the Government

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Government as to cancel the G.O. Mis. 859 Education, dated 22-4-1937 and give the school a fair chance to develop itself like other flourishing institutions in the District. Nowhere else restrictions of this nature exist against the free will of the parents. It is only at Belle where such a strange phenomenon i s found.to exist. I need hardly submit that it is very undemocratic to curtail the freedom of the people to choose schools for their children by imposing restrictions of this type. Hence I pray that you will kindly represent to the Government all the facts relating to the restriction and the long-protracted struggle - against the continuance of the same since the year 1934 by referring to the former ~~ju~~ records if necessary and convince the Government as to the injustice of the decision of the District Educational Council based as it is upon hostility towards Catholic Institutions which has unfortunately found acquiescence by the Interim Government and so induce the present Government as to revoke the former G.O. and remove the restriction complained of by the villagers.

form 5, pages 3-4 ante

9 An early passing of orders will enable the children to benefit themselves this year itself.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd/ M. PINTO,

Manager.

(True Copy).

P.T.O.

OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
M A D R A S.

R.C. No. 2964 B/39, Dated the 2nd of August, 1939.

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REFERENCE:- Petition from the Manager, Church Higher Elementary School, Belle, S. Kanara Dist. pages 1-2 ante

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Submitted for orders with reference to G.O. No. MS. 859 Education, dated 22nd April 1937 and Memorandum No. 14995 C.1, Education, dated the 9th May 1938. page 64 ante (K) p. 76 ante

2. I am still in favour of the removal of the ban on the admission of Non-Christians pupils in the higher standards of the school.

B. Ramasundaram 4.8.39

for DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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C.No. 32016/39. Endt. of the D.P.I, R.C.No. 2964 B39, dated 2-8-39.

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Church Higher elementary school, Belle, South Kanara Dt. - Removal of the ban against the admission of non-Christian pupils.

The Church elementary school at Belle contains standards I to VIII. Till 1929, the school had only standard upto VI; ~~the~~ standards VII and VIII were opened and recognised subsequent to ~~1929.~~ that year. The letter from the P.D.E.C, South Kanara, on pages 39 to 41 of G.O.No. 859 Education, dated 22-4-1937, explains the circumstances in which a ban on the admission of non-Christian pupils into the VI standard ~~VI~~ of the school was imposed in 1929 and how the D.E.C resolved in July 1936 (with VI, VII and VIII standards) to continue the ban in spite of the advice of the D.P.I to lift it. The matter was brought to the notice of Govt. in 1936. The Director who was consulted, advised that that the ban should be removed. It was ~~proposed to ask~~ suggested that the D.E.C should be asked to show cause why its resolution of July 1936 should not be cancelled. But the then Minister for Education did not agree to the proposal. The Director who was thereupon consulted in the matter again did not press his suggestion. Orders were issued in G.O.No. 859 Educat dated 22-4-37, declining to interfere with the resolutic of the Council. The request of the Catholic Association of South Kanara for a reconsideration of the G.O was not complied with. In March 1938, one B.Krishna Rao employe as a teacher in the school, requested that the orders might be reconsidered with a view to get his children admitted into the higher standards of the school. But his request was turned down.

paras 9 and 10, p9 of G.O.No. 859 Edn (K) 22-4-37

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para 1, p38 ibid

para 7, p41 ibid

para 5, p39 ibid

p.3 ibid

p.58 ibid

p.52 ibid

p.59 ibid

pages 62-63 ibid

p.64 ibid

pages 65-68 ibid

pages 70-73 ibid

para 10, pages 72-73 ibid

p-76 ibid

2. The present manager of the school has requested the D.P.I to move the Govt. to cancel the G.O referred to above. ~~The necessity for the request is~~ for the reasons explained in para paras 5 to 8 of his petition in the c.f. The Director

para 6, pages 4-5 cf

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is in favour of the removal of the ban. p.b cf-

.e file may be ciculated to H.M(Education) for orders.

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M(Edn) I know the locality and there is room for, and need of, two High Schools, open to pupils of all classes and creeds. The ban may be removed. The D.P.I. has been constantly pressing upon the Govt. the need of removing the ban. The public also wanted it. It was the prejudice of the D.E.C. that stood in the way. The ban may now be removed in view of the hardship caused, which are referred to in paras 5 to 8 of the petition in the C.f.

B.V.
14/9/39

A draft order is submitted.

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Elementary Schools

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READ AGAIN ~~Govt No 859 Edn~~, dated 22/4/37 - ptb & (K) 19

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No. 32014/39 From the Dir. of Pub. Instn. D.P.I., R.C. No. 2964 B/39 dated 2-8-1939 ptb of

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Order ~~Resolution~~ Ms. ~~Rout.~~ No. 2087, dated 20/9/1939.

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~~Govt~~ No. 9, pp 9 ~~Govt No 859 Edn~~ (K) 22-4-37

accept

Re ~~Govt.~~ The recommendation of the D.P.I. that the ban imposed by the defunct D.E.C., South Kanara, on the admission of non-Christian pupils in the higher standards of the Church Higher elementary School, Belle, should be removed.

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To

The D.P.I.

Copy to the manager, Church Higher elementary School, Belle, South Kanara Dt.

Despd 8/9/39